THE WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PTA Bulletin

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With this issue, a new PTA bulletin is born. It is the avowed intention of the editorial staff to keep it, if possible, interesting, informative, and B R I E F. Here goes - - - - - -

FIRST WAKEFIELD PTA MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 23

"GET ACQUAINTED WITH WAKEFIELD"

-Meeting Theme-

Program Chairman for the newly organized PTA of the Wakefield School, Mrs. Charles J. Corcoran, has planned a program for the first meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, September 23d, which will permit parents to meet home room teachers in the classrooms and also help them become acquainted with the new school plant.

Parents will meet at 8p.m. in the school cafeteria (using the entrance nearest Dinwiddie St.), where a brief business meeting will be conducted by President O. Glenn Stahl, which will include greetings from the School Board, conveyed by Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, and a report on the present and future status of the school by Principal Harold Wilson.

Following this, parents will report to their children's home rooms, where they will have an opportunity to talk informally with the teachers, (Ask your child for his home room Number.) and PTA dues will be collected for the coming year. The program will conclude with an informal tour of the building.

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Green fever, plumbers' strike, and other headaches notwithstanding, we opened on time!

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WATCH FOR THE GREEN RIBBONS!

Hospitality Committee Chairman Mrs. Robert K. Salyers has recruited a sizable committee of mothers and students who will serve as guides and information sources for the meeting Wednesday evening. In keeping with the Wakefield colors (green and white) each member of this committee will wear a bright green ribbon and a white identification card.

Vice Chairman of the Hospitality Committee is Mrs. Raymond W. Smith and other members who will assist at the first meeting are: Mrs. R. Lee Mason, Mrs. C.J. Saxer, Mrs. Lawrence L. Medlin, and Mrs. Melba Bowen. Student assistants for the meeting include Ken Darling, Janet Pope, Don Baldwin, Peggy Funston, Chuck Johnson and Jean Bergoffen.

These hosts and hostesses will greet parents, teachers, and other guests in the main school lobby, provide each with an identification card, and direct them to the cafeteria for the general meeting. After the meeting they will be stationed a various points in the school corridors to "direct traffic" and to answer questions about the school building.

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Share-the-ride with your neighbors for the meeting. Parking facilities near the school are limited.

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HEALTH COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN SCHOOL CLINIC

Mrs. William A. Salisbury, Chairman of the Health Committee, which will total approximately 50 members, announces that they will serve the school each day, throughout the year, on a volunteer basis. Their duties will include contacting the parent of each child absent more than one day through illness, finding the reason, and recording it on a report which will be tabulated by the school nurse and sent to the County Health Dept., where records are kept of the most frequent causes of absence, number of communicable diseases, correction of physical defects, etc.

The committee chairman requests that parents cooperate by calling the school clinic on the first day of absence and reporting the specific illness, such as earache, stomach ache, measles, etc. The annual routine procedures of weighing, measuring, and vision-testing of each student will be conducted by the committee about Oct 1. Any mother who wishes to serve on this active committee should call Mrs. Salisbury at JA 8-7359.

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SCHOOL STAFF STATISTICS

Wakefield's principal, Dr. Harold Wilson, has compiled some impressive statistics about members of the staff. Many parents will be interested to know that :

77 members of the staff hold AB's.
33 members of the staff hold MA's
2 members of the staff hold PhD's
Average no. of different schools at which a teacher has taught or gained experience - - 3.
Average no. of years' experience in profession - - 6.
Members of the staff have taught in 25 States, the DC., and Hawaii, and hold degrees in 59 different institutions located in 26 States.

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GOAL FOR FIRST PTA NIGHT-1,000 MEMBERS

The PTA Membership Committee Chairman, Mrs. James E. Hill, has set a goal of 1,000 members for the September PTA meeting. Representatives will collect dues and present membership cards to parents and teachers in the home rooms.

It will be helpful if all who wish to join will bring pencils, as well as the correct amount of money for dues- -$1 for each family or 75¢ for an individual parent or teacher. Anyone who wishes to pay by check may make it payable to James R. McGlathery, Wakefield PTA treasurer.

Mrs. Hill is being assisted in her work by the following committee members: Vice Chairman, Mrs. Hugh Hall, Mrs. William Harting, Mrs. M.F. Long, and Mr. Ralph Compton.

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Work with your PTA and come to the meetings - - a strong PTA helps make a good school.

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JRC PLANS

During the summer several planning meetings were held for the purpose of organizing a Junior Recreation Club for all students of junior and senior high school age in the Wakefield area. Present plans include a separate

JRC for 8th and 9th graders and one for 10th graders; also two or three special nights set aside for 7th graders during the year.

School bus transportation will be provided over the regular bus routes. JRC admission price has not yet been definitely set, but will be kept low. The first JRC affair will be attended by 8th, 9th, and 10th graders, and their parents, who will meet that night to form the JRC sponsoring organization. This meeting will probably be late in October, when the cafeteria floor is finished.

JRC - donated equipment has already been transferred from Dolly Madison, including the record-player, records, and stage.

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MESSAGE FROM WAKEFIELD PTA PRES

All of us are proud to be associated with our splendid new faculty and new building at Wakefield - - and we will be even more proud when the physical plant is completed next year. Principal Wilson and his staff are demonstrating great ingenuity in adapting the school program during these first trying weeks to the facilities available.

Your PTA is fully organized and ready to roll. Many parents are already involved in the work of committees and in other programs. You are not going to be overtaxed with meetings, but each parent and teacher can make a contribution. Call an activity chairman listed in the directory to be distributed at the first meeting and tell him what you can do. There will probably be four general meetings this year, and one special meeting for parents of children in each grade level.

My thanks to all of you who have helped so generously to get this organization off to a flying start.

O. Glenn Stahl

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Vote November 3d - - It's your money that's being spent and your children who will be affected. If you have not voted in Arlington previously, you must register by October 3d.

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STATE PTA CONVENTION PLANS

The State PTA Convention will be held in Bristol this year, with sessions scheduled for October 19, 20, and 21st.

The theme selected for the convention is "Our Children Can't Wait."

Wakefield PTA President Glenn Stahl hopes that the new school will be well represented at this important series of meetings.

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As of September 14, there were 1,529 students in Wakefield.

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Hats off to members of the teaching staff, who devoted their Labor Day "holiday" to moving into Wakefield and helping to clean up the debris! Hats off, too, to the contractors who stuck by us.

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REMEMBER -- "Our Children Can't Wait."

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Presented below is a rough-sketch map of the Wakefield School area, showing the principal approaches from all directions, as well as nearby "dead-end" streets. There will be no off-street parking on the school property itself for sometime to come; therefore, those who plan to drive to the first PTA meeting should use the side streets shown on the map, or the parking area at Claremont School, where there is room for 200 cars. Since only limited parking will be available, and undoubtedly the majority of the 2,900 (approximately) Wakefield parents may be expected to attend the September meeting, drivers are urged to form car pools or to use bus facilities. There is a bus stop at Leesburg Pike and Chesterfield Rd, and one at Walter Reed Drive and Dinwiddie St. (two different routes). For detailed information about routes and schedules, phone the AB&W bus company, KI 9-7800.